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City Newsletter

City of Des Peres Missouri

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Fall Festival in Des Peres Park

Saturday, October 15
3:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Join us for a FREE, fabulous fall evening at the park with family and friends! Listen to live music by the band Contagious! Bring your homemade Pumpkin Racer (see details below) to compete against your friends and family in our annual race. End the night watching a Disney family movie under the stars, Zootopia (rated PG). Bring your lawn chair and coolers with your favorite snacks and beverages (for safety, glass bottles are not permitted). We will have 3 local restaurants selling food at the park this year from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m: Which Wich Sandwiches, Noodles and Company and Rib City. Our local Boy Scout Troop 313 will be selling non-alcoholic beverages and popcorn. In case of inclement weather, please call 314.835.6138 after 12 p.m. Call 314-835-6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information. Thanks to our sponsors: Team Tumminia, Frontier Mortgage, Central Bank of St. Louis, Des Peres Hospital, Edward Jones and Schnucks Des Peres.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Live Music by Contagious
- 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Local restaurants selling food: Which Wich Sandwiches, Noodles and Company, Rib City and Boy Scout Troop 313 (beverages)
- 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hayrides
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Check-in for Pumpkin Race
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Pumpkin Race Starts
- 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Movie: Zootopia (rated PG; 102 min)

THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE OFFICIAL RACE RULES

Rules are adapted from the official "World Famous Pumpkin Race" in Manhattan Beach, CA

1. Contest entry is FREE, but please register your pumpkin by October 12. Call 314.835.6150 and reference registration #1566.
2. Pumpkin Race Car may be from only a single pumpkin.
3. Insert two independent axels through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axles. The style of your racer is limited only by your imagination.
4. You may not attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind.
5. No Explosives or Pyrotechnics.
6. No pushing or 'helping' your racer on the starting line.
7. Pumpkins can be any size - please check in on the day of the event by small, medium or large pumpkin.
8. Visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information and to register.

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Letter From
Mayor Rick Lahr

Many Des Peres residents long for the good old days when Des Peres was like Mayberry RFD - you could leave your home unlocked, garage doors wide open, keys in the unlocked car on the driveway and the children could roam the neighborhood without any fear or worry. The truth is that 98% of the time, Des Peres remains a quiet and peaceful throwback to the 50's and 60's. However, the realities of the world reach into our little town from time to time and remind us that **no one is immune from crime**. I am amazed at the number of crimes reported involving unlocked cars, open garages and unlocked homes in our neighborhoods – not a large number and most occur in spurts largely attributable to ongoing drug problems in the region and in West County with addicts seeking quick cash for their next fix. Nothing is more frustrating to a homeowner and to the police to experience yet another unlocked car or garage being ransacked during the night by intruders often looking for loose change or easily pawned electronics and yes – even handguns! Please help the police and protect yourself and your family by locking your car and your home. Don't leave valuables visible in your car and please don't use your car as a gun storage locker! It's the smart and prudent thing to do.

Another area of frustration to all – local speeding. I am continually surprised by the number of complaints we receive about speeding in neighborhoods. While we all like to point fingers at outsiders, when we do targeted enforcement, we find the reality is that most of our residential traffic is local. It's your friends, neighbors and children driving in those neighborhoods that are generating the complaints. Please be a good neighbor and obey the 20 MPH residential speed limit, stop at stop signs (not the infamous St Louis rolling stop) and watch out for pedestrians and children of all ages - emphasize this to your children of driving age and their friends. Speeding in residential neighborhoods is largely local and solving that problem starts at home with driver's education and awareness.

Des Peres is not known as a "speed trap". We don't work traffic on the Interstate and limit our traffic enforcement largely to the major through streets in Des Peres (Manchester, Des Peres, Ballas, Dougherty Ferry, and Bopp) and does selective enforcement in other areas as circumstances dictate. Des Peres is not one of the cited municipalities that run amuck in using traffic enforcement and their courts to fund city operations. We prefer our officers engage in neighborhood patrol and crime prevention through visibility rather than traffic enforcement.

Enough preaching! Enjoy the fall weather and your last opportunities for outdoor activities. Our August concert was rained out and has been rescheduled for our FALLFEST WEEKEND – Saturday October 15th with the band scheduled to start around 3:30. Hope to see you and your neighbors at Des Peres Park.

Finally, be sure to vote on November 1st. Freedom isn't free – it requires an active and informed electorate!

Rick

DES PERES APPOINTS SCOTT SCHAEFER ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City of Des Peres has appointed Scott Schaefer as the New Assistant City Administrator,replacing Jennifer Gray who took a position in the private sector in June 2016.

Scott, a Belleville native, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Murray State University, where he studied Public Administration, International Business and French. After receiving his MPA in 2011, Scott returned to the metro-east as a planning intern for the City of Fairview Heights. In 2012, Scott became the Director of Economic Development for the City of Woodson Terrace. His position was later combined with the City Clerk's role in 2014. During his tenure with Woodson Terrace, Scott supervised a variety of city functions, including municipal court, human resources, budget development and code enforcement.

Scott is an active member of the St. Louis American Planning Association, having served on the Executive Committee since 2014. Scott is also a member of the International City/County Management Association.

Scott and his wife Lauren currently reside in the Creve Coeur area. They enjoy hiking, swimming and golf. Both are avid fans of the St. Louis Cardinals.

As Assistant City Administrator, Scott is responsible for managing the day to day aspects of city operations, service provisions and personnel management by providing professional and technical administrative assistance to the governing board, residents and staff, overseeing special projects and managing the city's communications.

Scott may be reached by e-mail at sschaefer@desperesmo.org or by phone at 314-835-6132.

Municipal Calendar

September

26th	Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
28th	Board of Adjustment, 6:30 p.m. @ City Hall

October

3rd	Municipal Court, 6:30 p.m. @ City Hall
3rd	Public Safety Commission, 7:00 p.m. @ Public Safety
4th	National Night Out, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. @ Registered Block Parties
6th	Parks and Rec Commission, 6:00 p.m. @ The Lodge
10th	Columbus Day Holiday - City Hall Closed
10th	Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
12th	Planning and Zoning, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
15th	Fall Festival, 3:30-8:30 p.m. @ Des Peres Park
24th	Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 p.m. City Hall
24th	Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
26th	Board of Adjustment, 6:00 p.m. @ City Hall

November

7th	Municipal Court, 6:30 PM @ City Hall
7th	Public Safety Commission, 7:00 p.m. @ Public Safety
9th	Planning and Zoning, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
11th	Veterans Day Holiday - City Hall Closed
14th	Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall
24th	Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed
25th	Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed
28th	Board of Aldermen, 7:00 PM @ City Hall
30th	Board of Adjustment, 6:00 PM @ City Hall

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
THE LODGE DES PERES
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a high-energy family event at The Lodge! Hi-NRG Gymnastix will have a Ninja Obstacle course in the gymnasium to test your child's agility and balance on the Quad Steps and the Spinning Log! Navigate Cannon Ball Alley, Cliff Hanger, Unstable Monkey Bars and the Cargo Net! All obstacles are designed with the young athlete in mind, and will challenge upper body strength, balance and coordination. Visit the group exercise studio to shake, wiggle and blast away energy in our Zumba® Kids and parent's class with our certified instructor. All ages can battle the waves in the indoor pool during our normal open swim time, 4 – 8 p.m. All family members participating must pre-register online by 10/28/16 (parent attendance required). Regular Lodge admission rates apply. Call 314.835.6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information. Cost: FREE/Youth Members; $6/Youth Resident; $8/Youth Non-Resident. FREE/Adult Members; $7/Adult Resident; $9/Adult Non-Resident.

HALLOWEEN CANDY EXCHANGE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Trade sugar for activity! Be healthier this Halloween and bring one pound of candy to The Lodge in exchange for one youth admission to enjoy The Lodge pool or gymnasium at a later time! Candy will be donated to USO of Missouri for our troops overseas. Already a Lodge member? Use your youth pass to bring a friend in the future! Child must be accompanied by an adult for the candy exchange. Limit one pass per youth. Thank you to our sponsor, Manchester Dental Group! Passes must be used by 5/1/17. Call 314.835.6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
11:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
THE LODGE GROUP EXERCISE STUDIO

Sunday Funday is a special day when The Lodge Fitness Team showcases group exercise classes that we offer...for FREE! Classes are 30 minutes in length; come for one or all four! Four classes will be showcased for each date below. Please visit our website for a detailed schedule at www.desperesmo.org/fitnessandwellness. First come, first served. No tot care available. Call 314.835.6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information.

HI-NRG GYMNASTIX

THURSDAY MORNINGS, OCTOBER 20 - DECEMBER 1

The best way for your child to spend their day is to flip, jump, tumble and play in a Hi-NRG Gymnastix class at The Lodge. We provide a healthy, active and safe environment where they will exercise with friends and create happy memories. Whether your child has gymnastics experience or no experience at all, they will benefit by learning the fundamentals, building strength as well as flexibility, while maintaining a healthy lifestyle through exercise and being introduced to gymnastics skills. Registration begins August 1. Call 314.835.6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information. Minimum 7/Maximum 14

MOMMY AND ME GYMNASTICS

Ages: 2-3 years with a participating parent or guardian
Time: 9:40 – 10:20 a.m.
Session: #1567 October 20 – December (No class 11/24)

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Ages: 3 – 4 years
Time: 10:30- 11:10 a.m.
Session: #1751 October 20 – December 1(No Class 11/24)
Cost: $70/Member; $72/Resident; $86/Non-Resident

CO-REC WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11

This is an 8-week instructional basketball program for boys and girls in first and second grade. The basic fundamentals will be taught in a recreational environment; scores will not be kept. Teams will share courts during practice time. Individual and team registration will be taken. Players who sign up for the individual teams will practice on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Teams that are registering together will have practices on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday evenings. Practices start the week of January 9; games start January 21. Volunteer coaches needed! Coaches – your child registers for free! If you would like to register a team, please contact Corey Newgent at 314.835.6166 or cnewgent@desperesmo.org.

TAI CHI

FIRST SESSION BEGINS OCTOBER 11

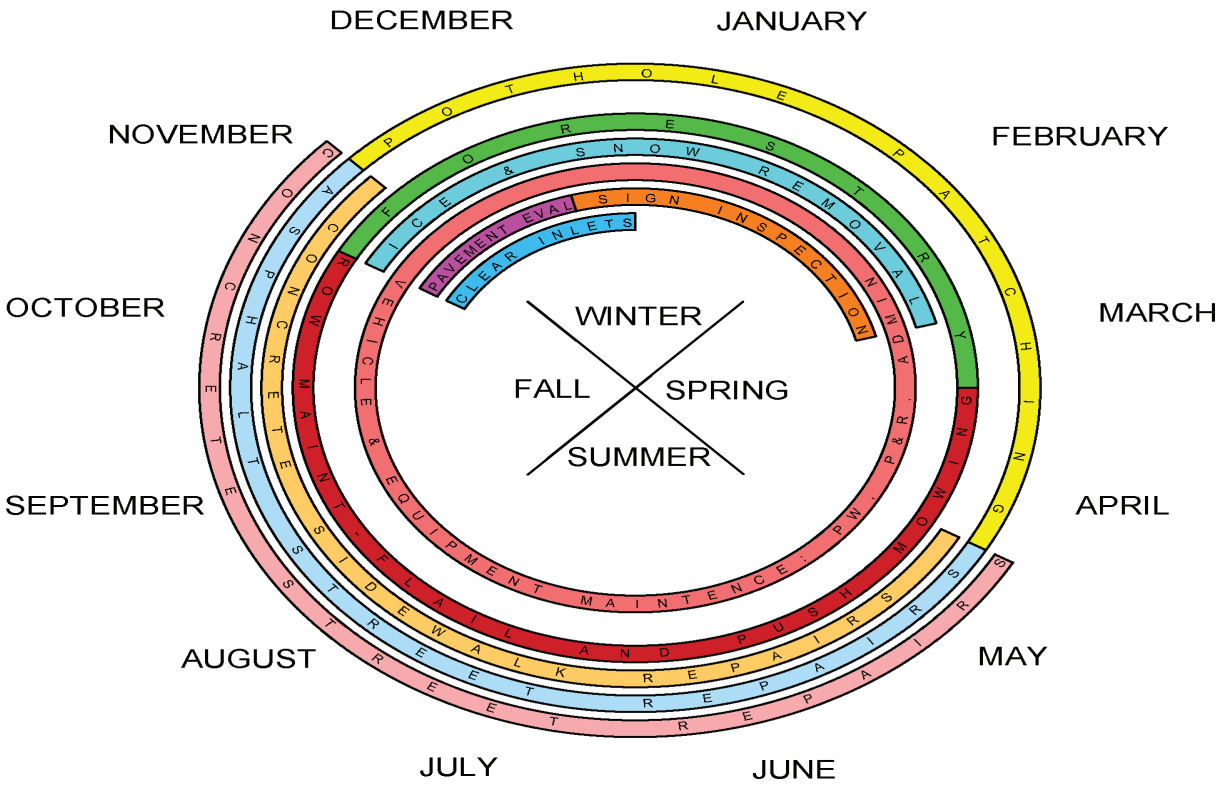
Tai Chi combines moving Yoga, Qigong, mediation and traditional Chinese martial arts. Students will learn the basic form of Yang Style Tai Chi, the principle and philosophy of Tai Chi and some fundamentals of Chinese traditional medicine. Tai Chi exercise improves circulation, stability and overall health. Classes are held at Des Peres Park with the option to move indoors to City Studio in inclement weather. For more information on the instructor, please visit www.arthurtaichi.com. Call 314.835.6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information. Ages 16 or older.

Location: Des Peres Park/City Studio.
Cost: $83/Member;$88/Resident; $104/Non-Resident (7 weeks).
$95/Member; $100/Resident; $119/Non-Resident (8 weeks).

WHAT DO THEY DO THEY DO ALL YEAR?

Like most weather-dependent tasks, street work is very seasonal.
The calendar below helps illustrate what the Streets Division does throughout the year.

PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CYCLE



Storm Damage

Due to severe weather these past few months the Public Works Department has responded to quite a few calls of downed trees and branches in the City right of way. The men from our own Streets Division will only pick up debris from street trees. They cannot trim or remove trees/debris from private property. Following storms, homeowners may follow the yard waste requirements for setting out limbs, and Progressive Waste will pick them up. Bundles should be less than 48"x18", tied with twine, and weigh no more than 50 pounds. There is no weekly volume limit for bundled limbs.

Changes in Bulk Pick Up

Under our new contract with Progressive Waste there have been some changes regarding Bulk Pick Up. While the service is still free, residents will now need to call Progressive Waste directly when setting items out for Bulk Pick Up. The new cans allow for one individual to operate the truck, which means he can't necessarily pick up bulk items on his own. The parameters of the service are still the same: limit of four items a week and excludes major appliances, auto parts, tires, batteries and contractor-generated construction debris.

Holiday Trash Schedule

Thanksgiving:

Thursday 11/24:
No Service

Friday 11/25:
Make-up day for Thursday

Saturday 11/26:
Make-up day for Friday

Christmas Day & New Year's Day:

No changes as these holidays fall on the weekend this year.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety will join fire services across the country in observing National Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 9th to 15th. This year's theme is "2016 Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years".

Firefighters are dedicated to protecting their communities and their fellow citizens and this is a week to thank them for their work. But every firefighter I know would be happy if – instead of thanking them — every American made it a point during Fire Prevention Week to learn more about fire safety. When a fire breaks out in a home, the difference between life and death can be a matter of seconds.

I encourage you to look around your home for potential fire hazards. Make the kitchen a priority, because many home fires begin there. Have your furnace and fireplace checked annually. Review your family's use of candles, matches and fire pits. Check the smoke alarms and replace the batteries if needed. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Carbon Monoxide detectors are also a great addition to every home. The International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of your home, including the basement.

Then get the family together and make plans for a possible fire in your home. Have an escape route from every room in your home and make sure everyone in the family understands their role. Once you escape make sure to have a prearranged meeting place to verify all family members are accounted for. Every member of every family and every citizen in every community has a role to play in preventing fires. Together, we can stay safe.

National Drug Take Back Initiative

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
THE LODGE DES PERES

It's a great time to clean out your medicine cabinet! Protect our kids, families and environment by properly disposing of your unwanted and expired medicines. Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning and flushed or trashed medicines can end up polluting our waters. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high - over half of teens abusing medicines get them from a family member or friend, including the home medicine cabinet, and often without their knowledge.

On Saturday October 22nd, 2016 the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate and facilitate the 12th National Drug Take-Back Initiative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies.

This event will provide another opportunity for the public to surrender dispensed pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

This will result in the removal of potentially dangerous controlled substances and other unused, unwanted expired pharmaceutical preparations from our communities' homes.

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety will be collecting at The Lodge Des Peres, in the Dogwood Room from 10 AM until 2 PM.

St. Louis Night Out in Des Peres

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Attention City of Des Peres Residents, St. Louis Night Out will be here before you know it! This unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has been scheduled locally for Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Members of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety and City Leaders will be visiting registered neighborhoods starting at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 9:00 p. m. If you want to register your neighborhood or you are a local business owner wishing to donate to this year's St. Louis Night Out campaign please contact Community Services Officer Brandon Elzinga at (314) 835-6286 or by e-mail at relzinga@desperesmo.org.

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